



# Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



*Vision Statement: As vigilant guardians we will protect the citizens and natural resources of Illinois.*

## **DATE:**

(Weeks of February 14 – February 28)

*This report represents some events the OLE handled over the last couple of weeks;  
however, it does not include all actions taken by the Office of Law Enforcement.*

## **REGION 1 – Captain Laura Petreikis**

### **District 1 – Sgt. T. Petreikis**

**(Counties: Carroll, Henry, JoDaviess, Lee, Mercer, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson & Whiteside)**

#### **CARROLL COUNTY**

CPO Jones stopped a Savanna woman at Mississippi Palisades State Park for expired registration. The driver was driving while license suspended. The car was released to the male passenger who had a valid driver's license. The Savanna woman was arrested and taken to Carroll County Jail for driving while license suspended. She was also issued a citation for the registration being expired since November.

CPO Jones issued a citation to a Morrison woman at Mississippi Palisades State Park after driving around a road closed barricade into a restricted area.

#### **HENRY COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county

#### **JO DAVIESS COUNTY**

CPO Hoogerwerf responded to a complaint at Rall Woods State Natural Area. An illegal tree stand was removed from the property and logged into evidence. Regulations require tree stands to be removed from the tree at the end of each day's hunt.

CPO Hoogerwerf patrolled local waterways and issued multiple written warnings for fishing without fishing license in possession

## LEE COUNTY

CPO Palumbo attended a Lee County Farm Bureau meeting in Amboy and gave a presentation to a group of young farmers on Illinois conservation and criminal laws.

## MERCER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

## OGLE COUNTY

CPO Beltran and an intern were informed of damage at White Pines State Park. The warm weather brought out several visitors at the state park; some of whom thought the ground was firm enough to drive across. The White Pines State Park site superintendent notified CPO Beltran of the damage. The investigation is pending.

CPO Beltran and an intern performed a deer harvest reporting investigation on a 46 year old Oak Lawn, IL man. The man was issued warnings for failure to harvest and for importation of deer parts from another state.

## ROCK ISLAND

IDNR Region 1 District 1 CPO Francisko # 349 has been working on multiple pending wildlife investigations.

## STEPHENSON

CPO Beltran and an intern were following up on a coyote hunting complaint in Lena, IL. CPO Beltran interviewed a 70 year old Lena man regarding the violation. The man was issued a citation for hunting too close to a residence.

CPO Beltran and an intern completed 2 hunter safety classes at the Rock Grove Township building.

CPO Beltran and an intern were dispatched to rural Stephenson County to respond to a dead Bald Eagle in a tree. After recovering the animal, it was discovered that there were burn marks on the beak. Several power lines were overhead. The bird was relayed to the US Fish and Wildlife Service and will be sent to the USFWS Bald Eagle repository.

## WHITESIDE

CPOT Sanford and CPO Palumbo located two non-residents fishing without a valid, non-resident sport fishing license at the lower Rock Falls dam along the Rock River. The Iowa residents were each issued a citation for the violation. One individual was also issued a written warning for pollution of a waterway.

CPOT Sanford and CPO Palumbo located an Illinois resident fishing without a valid sport fishing license at the Coon Creek/Rock River confluence near the Prophetstown boat ramp. The individual was cited accordingly.

CPOT Sanford and CPO Palumbo conducted a traffic stop which resulted in a citation to the driver for illegal transportation of open alcohol in a vehicle.

CPOT Sanford and CPO Palumbo conducted boat patrol on the Mississippi River near Fulton, IL. Six boat registration and safety inspections were conducted. Two vessels were found to have equipment violations. Written warnings were issued to the operators for those violations.

**District 6 - Sgt. Phil Wire**  
**(Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam & Winnebago)**

**BOONE COUNTY**

An ISP Trooper was investigating a suspicious vehicle parked in a vacant neighborhood development when he located a second vehicle parked off the roadway. The Trooper discovered the vehicle's owner was a falconer who was hunting on Belvidere city property. After contacting Belvidere city, the Trooper found the falconer was hunting the property without permission and contacted CPO Fraser to assist. Based on the complaint from the city, CPO Fraser issued the falconer a citation for hunting without permission.

**BUREAU COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county

**DEKALB COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county

**LASALLE COUNTY**

During the early morning hours of Thursday, February 09, 2017, CPO Graden and CPO Finn began an investigation into a serious personal injury snowmobile accident. The result of the investigation determined a 43 year old Streator, IL man was operating a snowmobile and crashed at approximately 3:00 AM. The snowmobile operator was transported to the Streator Hospital for treatment of his injuries. He sustained a broken left arm, broken left leg, and bruised ribs as a result of the crash. A witness claimed the operator had been consuming alcoholic beverages during his snowmobile trip. Similarly, the operator admitted to consuming alcoholic beverages. Witnesses, as well as the operator, denied the fact that he consumed any alcoholic beverages after the crash occurred. The investigation suggests his blood alcohol concentration was approximately .149% BAC roughly 1 hour and 45 minutes after the crash. The snowmobile operator's Illinois Driver's License was suspended. The crash site, along with a witness and the operator, established the fact that he illegally operated the snowmobile along / upon a public highway. He was cited for operation of snowmobile on highway with suspended driver's license and no safety certification and for operation of a snowmobile while under the influence of alcohol.

CPO Jansen conducted several foot patrols in the Matthiessen, Starved Rock, and Buffalo Rock State Parks resulting in 7 subjects cited for civil cannabis violations, 1 for consumption of alcohol by a minor, and 12 for entering a restricted area.

Sergeant Wire closed out a report for DUI and felony drugs in Matthiessen State Park . The driver was fined \$700 for felony possession of a controlled substance and given 24 months supervision. He was given 12 months of supervision for the DUI and fined \$700. A possession of 27g of cannabis charge was dismissed.

A report closeout showed that a hunter was fined \$240 for unlawfully attempting to take a deer and failing to wear blaze orange.

On October 29, 2016, CPO Murry, along with CPO Jansen, responded to a personal injury boat accident on Lake Holiday. The boat was operating after sundown without navigation lighting on and operating at a greater than no wake speed in a no wake area. The vessel collided with a dock pillar at a high rate of speed, and the operator was ejected from the vessel. A witness pulled the operator from the water and called 9-1-1. Upon arrival by CPOs Murry and Jansen, an investigation began into the operator being under the influence of alcohol at the time of the crash. After a brief investigation, the operator was arrested for operation of watercraft while under the influence of alcohol (OUI), failure to wear lanyard cutoff switch, a no wake zone violation, and careless operation of a watercraft. On February 16, 2016 the operator was found guilty of OUI and failure to wear lanyard cutoff switch. He was fined a total of \$2,500 in fines and costs, placed on one year court supervision and ordered to perform 120 hours of community service. Due to the fact that he refused the chemical testing of his breath, blood, or urine, his privileges to operate a watercraft in the state of Illinois will be suspended for 2 years.

On December 29, 2016, CPOs Murry, Filipiak and Sgt Wire were investigating a report of a vehicle parked at the end of a remote part of Matthiessen State Park after closing hours. Upon arriving on scene, the officers discovered two individuals, a male and female in the truck. The male was partially nude. These same two individuals were cited a couple months prior for engaging in sexual activities in the park in the same area. The male subject was charged with nudity in the park and entering a restricted area after posted closing time. On Valentine's Day, the assigned court date, the male subject was found guilty of nudity in the park. He was fined a total of \$420, sentenced to one year of court supervision and banned from Matthiessen State Park for life. The case against the female is still pending in court.

CPO Finn and CPO Wagner patrolled the Starved Rock trails on Sunday afternoon. They issued 34 citations for entry to a restricted area, unlawful possession of alcohol, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis. They also assisted in the recovery of a 12 year old girl who had fallen at Matthiessen State Park.

CPO Filipiak conducted multiple foot patrols at Starved Rock State Park, Matthiessen State Park, and Buffalo Rock State Park. Nineteen citations were issued for climbing up the canyon walls, alcohol on the trail systems, and littering.

CPO Kaufman received the disposition of an arrest in Starved Rock State Park during the summer of 2016. The individual was found off the trails with cocaine, methamphetamine, and cannabis in his possession. He pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance. He received a \$2,950 fine, 60 days in jail, 30 months of probation, and ordered to take a drug/alcohol evaluation.

CPO Kaufman was walking back to his squad after checking fishermen at Starved Rock when he saw a SUV drive past two Do Not Enter signs. The SUV parked alongside the road as CPO Kaufman was walking up to it. Driving past the signs was the least of the driver's problems. His driver's license was suspended, and he had no valid insurance for the SUV. Three citations were issued.

## PUTNAM COUNTY

A report closeout showed that a hunter was fined \$620 for hunting Whitetail deer without a valid permit and failing to report an archery kill by 10 PM.

CPO Finn received a disposition on a deer and turkey baiting case which occurred in October 2016. The Putnam County man was cited for unlawful attempt to take wild turkey and Whitetail deer. He was also cited for hunting wild turkey and Whitetail deer by use or aid of bait. He was found guilty of unlawful attempt to take wild turkey and hunting Whitetail deer by use or aid of bait. The man was fined \$1,300 and was ordered to forfeit his Mathews Z7 bow to the IDNR.

## WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Officer Schoonhoven initiated a traffic stop in Rock Cut State Park that resulted in the arrest of a subject on two warrants and drug charges.

CPOs Fraser, Schoonhoven, and Alt conducted numerous late night patrols in Rock Cut State Park. During the patrols, arrests were made for civil cannabis, drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance, illegal transportation of alcohol, possession of alcohol by a minor, obstructing identification, driving while license suspended, zero tolerance, entering Department lands after closed hours, and numerous other IVC violations.

CPO Fraser assisted Loves Park police with a death investigation in Rock Cut State Park. An individual ignored posted signs stating the park was closed and gained access to the park through the open gates in the early morning hours. Around noon the same day, after several hours of searching, a helicopter spotted the subject's body floating, surrounded by ice in Pierce Lake. Loves Park Fire was able to retrieve the body from the partially frozen lake. The cause of death is under investigation, but the subject made suicidal statements the previous night and had a history of suicide attempts.

CPO Alt testified in court on an obstruction, driving while license suspended, speeding, and seatbelt violation which he charged in Winnebago County. The jury found the defendant guilty of the seatbelt violation but innocent of all other charges.

CPO Alt began field training with CPOT Poffenberger who is to complete 75% of all work produced. CPO Alt assisted the trainee in arresting a motorist in Rock Cut State Park for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle as well as several stops for entering/remaining in the park after closing.

CPO Alt and CPOT Poffenberger investigated and interviewed a Winnebago County landowner for violations of falsification/misrepresentation of deer harvest records and unlawfully loaning landowner free deer permits to a family friend who used the permits to harvest deer from 2013 through 2015. Charges are pending a state's attorney's review.

**District 7, Sgt. Avery**

**(Counties: Fulton, Henderson, Knox, Marshall, McDonough, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell, Warren & Woodford)**

**FULTON COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county

**HENDERSON COUNTY**

CPO Reid continues to work on a commercial fishing case involving multiple states.

**KNOX COUNTY**

CPO Lazzell received a case disposition for a Knox County firearm deer hunter who was charged with hunting without permission of landowner (Lake Bracken Country Club property), unlawful take of deer and hunting within 300 Yards of a dwelling. The Galesburg man pled guilty to the charges of hunting without permission and the unlawful take of deer. He was fined a total of \$954 for his violations. Additionally, the subject received a 15 month suspension of his hunting privileges in Illinois and other states under the Interstate Wildlife Violator's Compact. The suspension was imposed due to the accumulation of points from his current convictions and a previous wildlife code conviction that occurred in 2015.

**MARSHALL**

CPO Finn received a disposition on a case he and CPO Jones had worked over the summer. The case involved an Iowa man who was commercial fishing on the Illinois River. The fisherman was not checking his nets in a timely manner and was also not properly tagging his nets. The fisherman was cited and eventually found guilty. He was fined \$2,464.50 and was ordered to forfeit 8 nets which CPO Finn and CPO Jones had seized.

**McDONOUGH**

No activity reported for this county

**PEORIA COUNTY**

CPO Lazzell conducted waterfowl hunter compliance checks at Banner Marsh S.F.W.A. All hunters were found to be in compliance with the wildlife code regulations. Three written warnings were issued for watercraft safety violations.

**STARK COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county

## TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO VanZant cited a subject, who was operating a boat at Powerton Lake, for failure to have sufficient life jackets on board.

CPO VanZant investigated an incident from the 2016 hunting season and cited a subject for failure to tag a deer immediately upon kill. The subject was also issued written warnings for hunting without a permit and failure to sign the deer permit.

## WARREN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

## WOODFORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

## REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins

### **District 2 – Sgt. Schreiber** **(Counties: Kane, Lake & McHenry)**

## KANE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

## LAKE COUNTY

CPO VanWiltburg cited a subject for no fishing license at the McHenry Dam. The same subject was cited by CPO Farber two weeks prior in Cook County, and then tried to lie to the officers by providing a false name and date of birth.

CPO Kelley issued several warnings for fishing violations at the Route 12 bridge in Fox Lake.

## McHENRY COUNTY

While checking fishermen at the Stratton Lock and Dam, CPOs Kelley and Davis found two men in possession of a Walleye within the 18-24 inch protected slot. The fish was released, and one of the men was cited. The man explained that he thought he was supposed to measure the fish to the fork in its tail. CPO Davis pointed out that, if the man had measured all of his fish that way, he would have been in possession of a short fish, as his smallest legal fish was just 14 inches.

CPO Semenik initiated a consensual encounter with three subjects while in Moraine Hills State Park. During the encounter, CPO Semenik recovered three smoking pipes and several grams of cannabis. Two of

the subjects were issued civil law violations for possession of cannabis not more than 10 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**District 3 – Sgt. Wollgast**  
**(Counties: Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall & Will)**

GRUNDY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

KANKAKEE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

KENDALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WILL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

**District 4 – Sgt. Whitchurch**  
**(Counties: Cook & DuPage, Lake)**

COOK COUNTY

CPO Macias was contacted by a Chicago area automobile repossession center about a repossessed vehicle that had a deer inside the truck. After getting all the information on the owner, CPO Macias contacted the man who lived in Wisconsin who denied knowing about the deer. CPO Macias is investigating the incident along with Wisconsin DNR.

CPO Macias was checking people fishing on the south side of Chicago. Two men were contacted for not having a fishing license. A pair of citations was issued.

CPO Macias was contacted by the Glenwood Academy who told him there were some tree stands still up on their land and wanted them investigated. Twelve tree stands were located on the property, one of which was baited. All tree stand owners had permission to hunt on the land. When CPO Macias found who he thought was the person who baited the stand he made contact and requested to speak with him. As soon as the subject saw the CPO, he said, "I do not answer questions that cops ask, I will go through my lawyer!" A citation was issued. CPO Macias will see the subject in court.



CPO Macias was out checking people fishing inside Lake Sedgewick in Orland Park. Several people were fishing due to a rare 73 degree February day. Most had licenses and within the catch and keep requirements except four. All four received citations

Sergeant Whitchurch received a call of a vehicle unlawfully being operated off a roadway in a State fish and wildlife area. Sergeant Whitchurch was in the area of the complaint and observed a vehicle being driven off road in the SFWA. The aforementioned vehicle was also observed driving on railroad tracks of an operating railroad. Sergeant Whitchurch was able to make contact with the occupants in the vehicle and safely remove the vehicle from the railroad tracks. The driver of the vehicle was cited for unlawful operation of a motor vehicle off the roadway in a State fish and wildlife area.

CPO Farber cited a subject for an over limit of Bluegill at a Cook County Forest Preserve lake. The subject was in possession of 27 fish. The site specific regulation for the site is 15 fish.

CPO Farber issued 6 fishing license citations while patrolling Northern Cook and Eastern Lake counties. CPO Farber issued several fish related written warnings.

CPO Farber, CPO Mooi, CPOT Poffenberger, and Sergeant Whitchurch all attended the Chicago Police Department monthly awards ceremony where they were awarded the Chicago Police Department Joint Operations Uniform Medals and Certificates. These awards were awarded resulting from a joint operation which dealt with a marijuana grow in a remote area in Cook County. Both the Illinois Conservation Police and the Chicago Police Department worked in concert to eradicate the grow operation.

CPO Farber cited a subject at Skokie Lagoons for failure to immediately release short fish. A 13 inch largemouth bass was released alive. The minimum length limit for the site is 14 inches.

CPO Farber cited a subject for an over limit of Bluegill at a northern Cook County Forest Preserve lake. The subject was in possession of 43 fish. The daily harvest limit is 15. The subject was also in possession of a cast net. CPO Macias was contacted to translate. The subject admitted to using the cast net to harvest the Bluegill.

CPO Klemme has been involved in a joint investigation with the US Coast Guard Investigative Services and the US Environmental Protection Agency regarding a vessel that was intentionally scuttled in the Cal- Sag Channel. The team has been following up on leads and anticipates filing charges soon.

CPO Mooi was patrolling Montrose Harbor in Chicago when he noticed a single car parked in the turnaround at the end of Montrose Harbor Drive. The vehicle was parked in the only no parking zone on the long road. CPO Mooi pulled up behind the vehicle and the driver of the vehicle turn on the hazard warning lights. CPO Mooi exited his vehicle to check and see if the occupants needed assistance. After speaking with the occupants through a haze of smoke, two civil law violations were issued for possession of cannabis under 10 grams.

CPO Mooi encountered a group of four fishermen while patrolling Montrose Harbor in Chicago. The fishermen had just returned from a popular local bait shop. The fishermen had purchased bait to use that night after receiving a tip from the bait shop. Two of the fishermen did not have licenses in their possession, and a

records check showed that one did not have a license at all. A written warning was issued to the fishermen for fishing without a license, and he was advised to return to the bait shop to purchase a license.

CPO Gilmer has written many warnings the last couple weeks at Skokie Lagoons.

#### DuPAGE COUNTY

CPO Mooi attended court in which a DuPage County woman was found guilty of failure to submit annual reports for possession of an endangered species.

CPO Mooi attended the Willowbrook Wildlife Center's annual wildlife workshop. CPO Mooi gave a presentation on nuisance trapping laws and answered questions on a variety of legal topics, for volunteer groups, animal control officers and community service officers for local municipalities and police departments.

#### LAKE COUNTY

CPO Gilmer was checking fishing licenses when he heard an individual yell for help! The fisherman pulled his fishing license out in anticipation of being check by a game warden and the wind blew it into Lake Michigan. Fearing a ticket for not having a fishing license, he climbed off of the pier onto rocks to get it and ended up in the water. CPO Gilmer climbed down and with the help of a fishing net pulled the swimming fisherman out of the water. After the trouble the fisherman went to in order to get his license and with multiple others witnessing the license going into the water, no enforcement action was taken.

CPO Gilmer has written many warnings the last couple weeks at Waukegan Harbor and other areas on the shores of Lake Michigan for not having a fishing license in possession while fishing. He assumes people are so excited to fish they leave the house without it and has been urging fishermen to be sure to have a valid license with them while fishing.

CPO Gilmer heard a man yell for him from a boat at Waukegan Harbor. The man had a disabled watercraft due to it being put in the water for the first time this year. The boater managed to paddle to the pier CPO Gilmer was standing on and throw him a line. CPO Gilmer walked the boat back to the boat launch of Waukegan Harbor so that he could trailer it and work on it some more before heading out on Lake Michigan.

CPO Gilmer was driving in Antioch when he came upon an accident scene involving a train. The accident turned out to be fatal. CPO Gilmer helped Antioch police direct traffic while the investigation occurred.

### **REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes**

#### **District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds**

**(Counties: Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie & Shelby)**

#### CLARK COUNTY

CPO Wellum issued a nuisance animal permit to the Clark County Watershed Conservancy to help prevent flooding issues.

#### COLES COUNTY

A boat safety check on a kayaker led to CPO Barnes citing a Mattoon subject for drug paraphernalia and a boat violation.

CPO Greuel cited a Mattoon woman for failure to transfer watercraft certificate of number.

CPO Greuel attended a hunter safety class at the Charleston Sportsman Club.

CPO Moody responded to a complaint of people fishing in a closed gravel pit in rural Coles County. CPO Moody found two men from Mattoon fishing when he arrived. Enforcement action was taken.

CPO Moody attended two police exercise kinesiology classes in Mattoon.

#### CUMBERLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

#### DOUGLAS COUNTY

While conducting fish enforcement, CPO Cottrell cited an Indiana resident for fishing without a valid fishing license. He was found to be in possession of a resident fishing license in an effort to avoid non-resident fees. This individual also received a written warning for a watercraft violation.

#### EDGAR COUNTY

CPO Wellum issued a salvage deer tag to an Edgar County man.

#### MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPOs Moody and Barnes responded to a Mowequa man who had driven around a barricade in a parking area at Lake Shelbyville and drove his vehicle along the shoreline until he buried it in the sand and mud. The man required a tow to remove his vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

#### SHELBY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

### **District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson**

**(Counties: Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Macon, McLean, Piatt & Vermilion)**

## CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

On February 24, 2017, CPO Graden assisted the DNR Office of Law Enforcement Invasive Species Unit with an investigation into the unlawful release of live aquatic life. It was determined the fish were sourced through a DNR-licensed aquatic life dealer with an expired permit. The subjects involved released (2) Largemouth Bass and (1) Tilapia into a local, public park pond. Three written warnings were issued.

## DEWITT COUNTY

During the weekend of 2/17-2/20, CPO Viverito focused on fish enforcement on Clinton Lake. The weekend concluded with 7 written warnings and 3 fish citations for over the limit, short fish, and no sport fishing licenses. More than a dozen people were verbally warned for fishing restricted areas of Clinton Lake.

K9 Hank and CPO Viverito completed their yearly K9 certification. The certification includes tracking, evidence recovery and narcotics detection.

CPO Reeves made an arrest of a male subject for an outstanding warrant out of Macon County.

CPO Reeves made an arrest of a male subject for driving while license revoked.

## FORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

## IROQUOIS

No activity reported for this county

## LIVINGSTON

On February 26, 2017, CPO Graden completed an investigation into a complaint alleging an archery deer hunter illegally took three antlered bucks during the 2016-17 deer season. The investigation led to the discovery of video footage, pictures, social media posts, and other-related information which substantiated the complaint. The Livingston County hunter was issued citations for failure to report archery harvest of a White deer to DNR POS, failure to tag archery harvested Whitetail deer (2 counts) and unlawful take of over the legal season limit of antlered Whitetail deer. Additionally, the hunter was issued eight written warnings. One of the three deer, a small 7 point buck, was allegedly discarded; thus, it was not recovered during the investigation. Two trophy-class whitetail deer heads were seized.

## MACON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

## McLEAN COUNTY

On February 09, 2017, CPO Graden gave a public speaking presentation to the Prairieland Anglers in Bloomington. He provided information related to local lakes, new fishing regulations, and case overviews. The Prairieland Anglers are involved with aquatic life preservation / development and improving sport fishing in McLean County.

#### PIATT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

#### VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Cottrell conducted a deer permit time line investigation that resulted in a Georgetown resident receiving 3 written warnings for minor permit violations.

### **REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul**

#### **District 9 – Sgt. Mark Wagner**

**(Counties: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Greene, Hancock, Jersey, Macoupin, Pike & Schuyler)**

#### ADAMS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

#### BROWN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

#### CALHOUN COUNTY

CPO Weishaupt assisted North Calhoun County Fire Department with a forest fire between East Panther Creek and Bee Creek east of Highway 100. CPO Weishaupt transported personnel and equipment with his squad to remote areas only accessible by 4-wheel drive. Approximately 1,000 acres burned.

CPO Weishaupt received a complaint of an abandoned boat on the Mississippi River at mile marker 254 from the U.S. Coast Guard. The boat was located on wing dam at the shore line. The boat had been stripped.

CPO Goetten closed a case on a subject he arrested on an Illinois island after exposing himself to a family with young children. His total fines/costs were \$704.

CPO Goetten closed a case on a subject he arrested for OUI. His total fines and costs were \$1,047.

CPO Goetten closed a case on a subject he arrested for OUI. His total fines and costs were \$932.

CPO Goetten closed a case on a subject he arrested for falsification of residency to obtain archery deer permits. His total fines and costs were \$1,500. His Mathews bow was forfeited to the IDNR.

#### GREENE COUNTY

CPO Goetten closed a case on a subject he arrested for the unlawful take of a Whitetail buck. His total fines and costs were \$400.

CPO Goetten closed a case on a subject he arrested for DUI following a traffic crash. His total fines and costs were \$1,830.

CPO Goetten closed a case on a subject he arrested twice in 2015 for unlawful taking of deer. Due to his repeat offenses, the subject was sentenced to 8 days in jail, and his total fines and costs were \$539. Two firearms seized during the arrests were forfeited to the IDNR.

CPO Goetten closed a case on two subjects he arrested for trespassing to harvest ginseng and harvesting ginseng during the closed season. Their total fines and costs combined were \$882.

CPO Goetten closed a case on two subjects he arrested for trespassing to harvest ginseng and harvesting ginseng during the closed season. Their total fines and costs combined were \$800.

CPO Goetten closed a case on a subject he arrested for the unlawful taking of two bucks. His total fines and costs were \$1,000. A trail camera seized from property regarding the investigation was forfeited to the IDNR.

#### HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley closed a case on a subject he arrested for hunting without a license. The subject was ordered to pay \$622 and placed on three (3) months court supervision for the offense. This subject was originally cited for no hunting license, no federal waterfowl stamp, and was also given written warnings for no State waterfowl stamp and no HIP.

#### JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Weishaupt stopped vehicle for speeding more than 30 mph over the posted speed limit. Citations were issued for speeding and no insurance issued.

CPO Weishaupt was notified of a dead bald eagle located along bank of Illinois River in Grafton. The investigation is pending.

CPO Goetten closed a case on a subject he arrested for possession of methamphetamine and heroin with intent to deliver. The subject was sentenced to time served in jail (236 days), and the total fines and court costs were \$2,712.

CPO Goetten closed a case on a subject he arrested for falsification of residency to purchase a fishing license. His total fines and costs were \$300. His privileges were suspended as a result of the conviction.

CPO Goetten closed a case on a subject he arrested for OUI, underage consumption, and drug possession. His total fines and costs were \$1,112.

CPO Goetten closed a case on a subject he arrested for the unlawful taking of a turkey. His total fines and costs were \$150.

CPO Goetten closed a case on a subject he arrested for fishing while privileges were revoked and obstructing a police officer. His total fines and costs were \$1,930. Additionally, 7 fishing rods/reels seized from the subject were forfeited to the IDNR.

CPO Goetten closed a case on a subject he arrested for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. His total fines and costs were \$1,079. His shotgun was forfeited to the IDNR.

CPO Goetten closed a case on two subjects he arrested for falsifying residency to purchase firearm and archery deer permits. Their total fines and costs combined were \$5,000.

CPO Goetten closed a case on a subject he arrested for the unlawful taking of a buck. His total fines and costs were \$264. His bow was forfeited to the IDNR.

#### MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Gushleff taught the basics hunting laws in an hour long presentation to a hunter safety course in Palmrya.

#### PIKE COUNTY

CPO Blakeley received a complaint off illegal road hunting of snow geese in the river bottoms near Hull. CPO's Blakeley and Blazinic responded to the area and located the suspect vehicle containing two snow goose road hunters. One hunter was cited for hunting without permission, unlawful transportation of uncased / loaded gun (accessory) in a vehicle, and unlawful shooting from the roadway (accessory). The other subject was cited for unlawfully hunting snow geese by use/aid of a motor vehicle, hunting without permission, unlawfully shooting / harvesting snow geese from upon the roadway, and unlawful transportation of uncased / loaded gun. The subjects were also issued two written warnings each for other related hunting violations.

CPO Weishaupt taught the basics hunting laws in an hour long presentation to a hunter safety course in Nebo.

#### SCHUYLER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

### **District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone**

**(Counties: Cass, Christian, Logan, Mason, Menard, Morgan, Sangamon & Scott)**

#### CASS COUNTY

Captain Maul, Sgt. Stone, CPOs Bettis, Cochran and Elliott assisted Illinois State Police and Cass County Sheriff's Office with the death investigation of a 61 year old male subject who was discovered deceased in the fireplace of a group shelter at Jim Edgar Panther Creek. The investigation is ongoing.

#### CHRISTIAN COUNTY

While checking size and creel limits at Sangchris Lake, CPO Wichern observed a boater violating the posted No Wake area around the east boat launch. CPO Wichern conducted a USCG inspection on the boater's safety equipment and checked his Crappie for compliance with the 10" length limit. While conducting the inspection, CPO Wichern observed several empty beer cans in a cooler and also noticed the strong smell of beer coming from the boat operator. CPO Wichern conducted field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test on the operator which resulted in his arrest for OUI with a preliminary BAC of .201 and the violation of the No Wake zone.

#### LOGAN COUNTY

CPO Elliott taught boating regulations to a group of Logan County youth in Lincoln.

#### MASON COUNTY

While on routine wildlife patrol in Mason County, CPO Cochran located what he believed to be a coyote hunter on the side of the road. CPO Cochran crossed the Sangamon River Bridge on IL-78 and located what appeared to be a truck on the east side of the road on the north side of the river. CPO Cochran turned around and pulled behind a blue mini-van. CPO Cochran approached the van to discover the female sitting in the driver's seat was attempting to take her life. The young woman was unconscious and had a phone charging cable wrapped around her neck. The other end of the cable was rolled into the window. All doors to the vehicle were locked and the windows all rolled up. CPO Cochran acted quickly to enter the vehicle and rescue the suicidal victim by striking the driver's side window with his ASP. EMS was requested at the scene which transported the victim to the hospital for treatment.

#### MENARD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

#### MORGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

#### SANGAMON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

#### SCOTT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county



## **District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker**

**(Counties: Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Randolph, St. Clair & Washington)**

### **BOND COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county

### **CLINTON COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county

### **MADISON COUNTY**

CPO Liebl was patrolling Horseshoe Lake State Park around noon when he encountered a vehicle parked at a fishing area along the lake. As he approached the vehicle, CPO Liebl observed a subject sitting in the back seat of the extended cab pickup. Shortly after, another head popped up from the back seat. When asked to open the vehicle doors, a male voice stated “Hang on, we’re getting dressed”. The 40 year old Madison County man said the woman in the vehicle was a friend from Facebook that he had known for about 5 years. When talked to separately, the female, who turned 18 one month ago, said the male was her boyfriend and they had been dating since they met 6 months ago. When confronted with the differing stories, neither person would admit to lying and stuck to their stories. The female was also found to be in possession of cannabis. Both persons were cited for public nudity in the park. The female was given a civil violation for the cannabis. Both were told to leave the park and not come back for that type of activity.

CPO Rolfingsmeier was patrolling the Mississippi River front and came across 2 fishermen illegally fishing on private property. The fishermen were issued citations for fishing without permission of the landowner.

### **MONROE COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county

### **MONTGOMERY**

On February 12<sup>th</sup>, CPO Matt Lentz issued one citation to a Grafton man for illegal possession of 9 Crappie less than 10 inches at Coffeen Lake.

On February 18<sup>th</sup>, CPO Matt Lentz issued three citations to 3 male subjects from Lebanon and Summerfield for possession of 7 largemouth Bass less than 15 inches at Coffeen Lake.

On February 18<sup>th</sup>, CPO Matt Lentz issued one citation to a Cottage Hills male for fishing without a valid fishing license at Coffeen Lake.

On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, CPO Matt Lentz issued two civil law violations to a Grafton male for illegal possession of cannabis less than 2.5 grams and for illegal possession of drug paraphernalia at Coffeen Lake.

## RANDOLPH COUNTY

All working Conservation Police Officers were called out of the field to assist with inventory at the World Shooting Complex in Sparta.

On 2/22/17, CPO Charles received a phone call from a Randolph County resident stating they were driving past an individual's house, and the landowner shot a shotgun at them as they drove past. CPO Charles and Randolph County Sheriff's deputies responded to the address and made contact with the landowner. The landowner was taken into custody and processed by the Randolph County jail for the violations.

CPO Sievers attended a hunter safety class in Sparta and gave a presentation to approximately 25 people.

## ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Liebl was patrolling Baldwin Lake when he came across a fisherman driving in to the boat launch after a day of fishing. A boat safety check revealed the fisherman did not have any wearable life jackets or a required type IV throwable device. One citation and one warning were issued for the violations.

## WASHINGTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

## REGION 5 – Captain Tim Daiber

### **District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens**

**(Counties: Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Pope, Saline, White)**

## FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Lay and Sgt. Cariens responded to multiple water rescues on Rend Lake. They were assisting a stranded boater south of the Ina boat ramp when a more serious water emergency call a few miles south arose. They responded to that call and when assistance was no longer needed returned to the stranded boater south of Ina. CPO Schoenhoff arrived and went out on the second attempt with CPO Lay and Sgt. Cariens to retrieve the boater. CPOs Lay and Schoenhoff put on waders and assisted in freeing the boat.

## GALLATIN COUNTY

One year ago next week, CPO Folden responded to a call involving an injured Bald Eagle in rural Gallatin County. The Bald Eagle was mobile and aggressive but could not fly due to an apparent broken wing. CPO Folden captured the Bald Eagle and transported it to Free Again Wildlife Rehab in Cartersville. The Bald Eagle was immediately taken to a local veterinarian office where x-rays revealed the bird had been shot. Coordination between the veterinarian and Free Again resulted in the Bald Eagle being transported to the University of Illinois Animal Research Center in Champaign. At the Animal Research Center, the Bald Eagle

underwent several surgeries and was finally transported back to Free Again Animal Rehab for rehabilitation. Last week, CPO Folden, the owner of Free Again, and the Gallatin County States Attorney (landowner) released the rehabilitated Bald Eagle in rural Gallatin County very near the site of its capture. It is unfortunate that an investigation did not reveal the person responsible for shooting this great bird. However, it was with great honor for all parties involved to witness the beauty of the Bald Eagle as it was released and flew off into the wild.

#### HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Williams responded to an Illinois Emergency Management Agency hazardous materials incident report of an oil spill in Hamilton County to investigate resource impact (aquatics/wildlife). The incident was found to be contained and in the process of remediation without impact to the resources.

#### HARDIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

#### JEFFERSON COUNTY

Sgt. Cariens arrested a female on a failure to appear warrant out of Richland County. She was transported to the Jefferson County Justice Center. The female and her significant other were issued written warnings for fishing without a sport fishing license.

CPO Williams cited a coyote hunter on Ten Mile Creek SFWA for transporting an uncased centerfire rifle. The hunter was also warned for failure to obtain a windshield card and hunting with other than a bow, shotgun or .22 rimfire or smaller (per Site Specific Rules).

CPO Williams conducted a weekend patrol in the Ten Mile Creek Fish and Wildlife Area, Eads and Belle River Units. These department lands areas are problems for dumping and off road use. Two pickup trucks were cited for expired registration, and one of the drivers was also cited for driving while license revoked.

#### POPE COUNTY

CPO Johnson and CPOT Knop received information that a subject was found, stopped in the middle of the road, with a loaded rifle in the truck. The CPOs interviewed 2 subjects found in connection with the incident and obtained confessions leading to the issuance of 4 citations. The subjects were charged with transporting a loaded rifle and hunting from the roadway.

#### SALINE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

#### WHITE COUNTY

CPO Schoenhoff initiated an administrative investigation. A subject admitted taking 2 deer on Nov 17 and failing to report 1 buck and 1 doe until the next day. A citation for failure to report deer kill by 10 PM same calendar day and 1 written warning for failure to report deer kill by 10 PM same calendar day were issued.

CPO Schoenhoff is working on a trespassing and hunting without permission complaint on a non-resident.

CPO Schoenhoff investigated a report of 2 dead juvenile bald eagles south of Harold. They turned out to be Red Tail hawks rather than juvenile bald eagles. The carcasses were disposed of.

**District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt**

**(Counties: Clay, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Lawrence, Marion, Richland, Wabash & Wayne)**

**CLAY COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county

**CRAWFORD COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county

**EDWARDS COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county

**EFFINGHAM COUNTY**

CPO Compton taught a hunter safety course in Effingham County to about 40 students.

**FAYETTE COUNTY**

CPO Compton reports the disposition on a case involving a subject shining Whitetail deer. The subject was fined \$1,051. He pleaded guilty to hunting by the use or aid of a motor vehicle and transporting a loaded firearm in a vehicle.

**JASPER COUNTY**

CPO Taylor and CPOT Snodgrass conducted a joint investigation with Indiana DNR into the unlawful take of Whitetail deer in Illinois. Two deer racks were seized pending investigation. One individual was issued two citations for the unlawful take of Whitetail deer.

CPO Taylor, CPO Smith, and CPOT Snodgrass worked a detail at Newton Lake. A citation was issued to a subject running a 45 hp. motor on the 25 hp. maximum lake. A citation was also issued to a subject for possession of short Crappie. During the detail, several other boating safety written warnings were issued.

**LAWRENCE COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county

MARION COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

RICHLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WABASH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WAYNE COUNTY

CPO Buhnerkempe represented the Illinois Conservation Police at the National Wild Turkey Federation Convention in Nashville, TN as the Illinois Officer of the Year.

CPO Buhnerkempe and CPOT Ausmus cited a Wayne County subject for unlawfully taking an 8 point deer with no permits. The deer rack was seized.

**District 16 – Sgt. K. Taylor**

**(Counties: Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pulaski, Union & Williamson)**

ALEXANDER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

JACKSON COUNTY

While patrolling in the Burning Star State Fish and Wildlife Area, CPO Mohrman located two tree stands. In this area, tree stands must be removed after the day's hunt and especially not kept up into February. The unlawful tree stands were removed and seized.

The results of an administrative investigation by CPO Mohrman revealed that a Jackson County subject used the wrong deer permit to check-in a deer. CPO Mohrman suggested to the subject that he pay better attention to what permit he uses in the future.

JOHNSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MASSAC COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

PERRY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

PULASKI COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

UNION COUNTY

CPO Vasicek investigated the unlawful take of a timber rattlesnake in the Shawnee National Forest. The subject killed the 5 foot snake with a shotgun while squirrel hunting. The series 14 rattles were retained to show off. The rattles were seized by the CPO and charges are pending.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Folden and CPO Vasicek charged a subject with unlawfully fishing and hunting while under revocation of privileges. The subject unlawfully harvested a deer without a license or archery permits.

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